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## Clearview councillors vow representation for all

by Trina Berlo

Four newly-elected members of Clearview council and five returning members took the oath of office in front of a tightly packed audience Monday.

Members of the 2014-2018 term of council were sworn in at the Clearview Township Administration Centre in Stayner.

One by one, elected officials were called to the podium where they gave the oath of office before signing it.

"I thank you for taking upon your shoulders and hearts the oath of public service. I pray you strength to carry its tasks of good governance forward with passion," said **Rev. Tony Rennett** in his blessing. "...There is one piece that without, there is no good governance. It is the citizen taking the oath upon him or herself for the wellbeing of the whole community."

**Chris Vanderkruys** was presented the chain of office and the gavel, inscribed with his name, to use during his term as mayor.

Members were then called to their council seats to address family, friends, staff, supporters, media and other community members.

"I am grateful to all of those who voted for me and helped to elevate me to this place realizing that my greatest service is not to them alone, but to every individual within Clearview,"



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Clearview Township Mayor **Chris Vanderkruys** signs the oath of office at the inaugural meeting Monday evening at town hall in Stayner.

said Vanderkruys in his inaugural address as mayor. "The citizens of Clearview are why we are here and it is my desire to ensure that every one of them, every one of you, is treated with the utmost respect and that every

request receives a response."

He said voters have made a clear decision; they want better fiscal management, more communication and to appear open for business.

"Our residents ask for many different

things throughout Clearview as each ward is distinct in nature so it will take collaborative councillors to think outside the box to ensure we can meet the expectations of all the residents over the next four years," said Vanderkruys.

"Clearview is one township made up of smaller communities through amalgamation many years ago and it is time for us to work together in addressing problems that are common to us all. One Clearview means one clear view for all."

Deputy Mayor **Barry Burton** also spoke of teamwork.

"I feel so privileged to be a member of the team that will guide Clearview Township through the next four years," he said.

"Let me be the first to use the title in congratulating his worship Mayor Vanderkruys. We all look forward to his leadership. I want to also congratulate all the members of council on their success on being elected to represent their wards and I look forward to working with them in creating the future of Clearview."

Burton said this is a time for growth, harmonization, new ideas and vision.

**Shawn Davidson** thanked his family for the sacrifices they make that allow him to sit on council adding, he looks forward to serving on council as it

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## Christmas in the Valley happening this weekend

by Trina Berlo

Creemore kicks off the festive season with Christmas in the Valley this weekend.

Festivities begin tonight with the annual tree lighting ceremony at Station on the Green.

From 6:20 p.m., those arriving at the event, sponsored by the Tree Society of Creemore and the Creemore and Area Residents' Association (CARA), will be treated to a carol sing before the official start at 6:30 p.m.

As in previous years, children are invited to don a festive chapeau

and enter the Crazy Christmas Hat Contest, sponsored by Cardboard Castles.

The winner of the contest gets to flip the switch, lighting up the tree.

There will be carol singing throughout the evening.

In the morning, Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School will be hosting its annual breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. until noon.

The event includes a shopping room for the children, treasure tray raffles, craft room, silent auction and a visit from Frosty the Snowman and **Santa**

**Claus.**

Santa is then beckoned to the staging area for the parade.

At 1:30 p.m. the big man will be ushered down Mill Street, lead by local clubs, businesses, politicians and youth.

The parade travels south on Mill Street, east on Edward Street and north of Mary Street, passing by Leisureworld Creedan Valley.

After the parade everyone is welcome to go to the Station on the Green to warm up, have hot chocolate and visit with Santa.

A parade after party is planned at the Creemore branch of the Clearview Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

People are invited to head to the library for soup and free family activities.

The library is offering a number of Christmas craft tables and displays. Meet our special guests, **Dana Mailhot** and Ariel from Therapy Tails, and learn about their encouraging and non-judgmental reading program, which entices children to be more comfortable with the written word.



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## This Weekend

### Now until Sunday, December 14

- **St. Luke's Gifts of Grace "Silent" Auction** closes at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. The church will be open to view & bid on the items Sunday mornings, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For other times call 705-466-2206, 22 Caroline Street West.

### Now until Monday, Dec. 22

- **Creemore Echo's Annual Toy & Food Drive.** Drop into our office with unwrapped gifts for all ages, food, grocery store gift certificates and make somebody's Christmas!

### Friday, December 5

- **Creemore Christmas Tree Lighting** at 6:30 pm at Station on the Green. Carols, Crazy Hat Contest for kids. Hosted by CARA & Tree Society of Creemore.

### Friday, December 5 & Saturday, Dec. 6

- **The 4th Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament** at the Honeywood Arena. For more information contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842,

leitherin@hotmail.com or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca

### Saturday, December 6

- **Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School** is once again proud to host **Breakfast with Santa** from 9 am to noon. Come out and take pleasure in the Christmas festivities and enjoy a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Also, take part in the other fun events such as: Kids Shopping Room, Treasure Tray Raffles, Kids Craft Room, Silent Auction and a visit with Frosty the Snowman and Santa!
- **Creemore Christmas Market** at Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. Full of a wide assortment of gifts and items to keep you through the winter. This is our last market until Easter.
- **Creemore Santa Claus Parade** begins at County Road 9 at 1:30 pm and will turn down Mill Street. If you would like to put in a float, contact Laurie at TD Canada Trust. Donations for the Clearview - Stayner Foodbank can be given to the **Creemore Firefighters** as they walk beside their fire wagon.

Also, **Paramedics** will be collecting toys for their Annual Toy Drive at the parade.

- **Meet Santa after the Parade** at Station on the Green. Enjoy some hot chocolate.
- **After Parade Party** at the Creemore Branch of The Clearview Public Library between 2 and 4 p.m. After you view the parade and visit Santa Claus, drop by the library for free family crafts, a cup of hot soup and to meet Dana & Ariel from Therapy Tails.

### Sunday, December 7

- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- **Christmas Church Supper at Creemore Baptist Church** at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a turkey dinner with a Christmas Carol Sing to follow. All welcome - no charge.
- **Curiosity House Artist Reception** from 1 to 4 p.m. Meet artists **Peter Adams, Sara Sniderhan, Sue Miller, Peter Taylor, Jill Price, Keita Morimoto and Martha Bull.** Art Sale! 178 Mill Street, Creemore.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, December 8

- **The Dunedin Women's Friendship Club** will meet at 6:30 p.m. for their Annual Christmas Potluck at Dunedin Hall. It will be followed by our basket program and loonie table.
- **ChoralWorks Choir** – Starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> exciting season! Rehearsals on Mondays at 7 pm, starting tonight through to May, at Collingwood Public Library. Especially welcome altos, tenors and basses with music reading skills. Contact Brian Rae at 705-444-5857 www.choralworks.com

### Mondays and Wednesdays

- **Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion** begins today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome. Cancelled if buses at school are cancelled. For more information call 705-466-2330.

### Tuesday, December 9

- **Creemore Adult Skating** Tuesdays through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.

### Tuesday, December 9 & Thursday, Dec. 11

- **VON Smart** – free seniors exercise classes. Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 11 am at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Caroline Street West. Come one day or both. Gentle, no floor or mat work. Can be performed seated or standing. Must be 55+ with a valid Ontario Health Card. For more information call 705-309-7054 or michelle.foster@von.ca.

### Thursday, December 11

- **Bay Photography Meeting** at The Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood at 6:30 p.m. This month discussing Results; Abstract and Scapes; & Architecture Photography. Contact Jim Desormeaux at jimdesormeaux@hotmail.com for more information.

### Friday, December 12

- **Christmas Carol – A dramatic reading of Dickens' Holiday Classic** featuring **Dan Needles** & special guests at Trinity United Church, Collingwood at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 available at Crow's Nest Books. All proceeds to My Friend's House Shelter & the Trinity Food Bank. www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com for details.

### Saturday, December 13

- Residents are invited to attend an **Information Meeting concerning the proposed Arbour Farms Gravel Pit** on Airport Road south of County Road 21 at Mansfield Outdoor Centre from 10 a.m. to noon. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Hosted by Concerned Residents of Mulmur and C.O.R.E.
- **Free Public Skate** at Stayner Arena thanks to Clearview Township! 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 14

- **Majengo Party** at Creativity Art Retreat, 8961 County Road 9 in Dunedin from 2 to 5 p.m. Tree ornaments, jewellery, original drawings from the kids, and more. Bring interested friends and family. Have any old prescription glasses? Bring them and they will make their way to Majengo! Donation bar / delicious African food. RSVP to lynneconnell@sympatico.ca.
- **Mansfield Presbyterian Church Christmas Cantata** at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.
- **St. Luke's Gift of Music Concert Series** with **The Three Tenors** at 3 p.m. today at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Caroline Street West. Tickets \$15 available at Curiosity House, *The Creemore Echo* or at the door.

### Tuesday, December 16

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Evangelical Missionary Church in Stayner from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

### Wednesday, December 17

- **The Stayner Skating Club** is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner with Santa** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Stayner Community Centre. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children under 12 and \$30 for a family of four.

### Saturday, December 20

- **The Brereton Field Naturalists' Christmas Bird Count and Potluck** at 6 p.m. at the North West Barrie United Church. Bring your own dishes and cutlery. Call Chris Evans (705) 722-1136 before December 11<sup>th</sup> to register, if you wish to participate in the count. Teams of birders survey a 7.5 mile radius in the Barrie area and record individual numbers and species of birds. The data is then submitted to Bird Studies Canada; numbers are also collected by nature groups across the globe.
- Please join us for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long**, inside at Station on the Green from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Good singers cherished!

### Thursday, December 25

- **The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Community Dinner** will be held at Creemore Legion. Social hour at 4:30 p.m. followed by the traditional hot buffet meal at 6 p.m. For more information contact Diane at 705-466-3126.



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GRAVEL PIT ON AIRPORT ROAD**  
south of County Road 21*

**Sat. Dec 13, 10 am to 12pm**  
**Coffee at 9:30**  
**at Mansfield Outdoor Centre**

*Held by  
Concerned Residents of Mulmur  
and C.O.R.E.*



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Clearview Township council 2014-2018: **Robert Walker** (from left), **Kevin Elwood**, **Deb Bronée**, **Shawn Davidson**, Mayor **Chris Vanderkruys**, Deputy Mayor **Barry Burton**, **Connie Leishman**, **Thom Paterson** and **Doug Measures**.

## Exciting mix of experience and new energy: Paterson

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continues to build upon greatness.

Like Davidson, **Robert Walker** is embarking on his fourth term of council.

"We are a team that will represent the township as a team. We will go forward with the direction of this township," said Walker.

**Doug Measures** said he looks forward to working with the new leaders.

"I hope our council recognizes that we are here to support all of the community," he said.

**Deb Bronée** thanked family who

travelled from outside the community to attend the inauguration and the volunteers that work within the municipality.

"We may all seem very different but in the end we all want the same thing and that is some growth, economic development and to preserve our rural roots," she said.

**Thom Paterson** acknowledged members of past council, especially those not returning.

"As with any new term of council, there are adjustments to be made as the new council forms and reshapes itself to reflect the wishes of the people of

Clearview Township," he said.

"I believe we have a real opportunity during this term to be more than a business as usual municipality. We have an exciting mix of experience and new energy in both senior staff and council. Working together, we can challenge ourselves to find new ways to provide and improve efficient service delivery and plan our long term development and financial outlook within an ability to pay fiscal framework for the benefit of all sectors of our local economies."

Council newcomers **Connie Leishman** and **Kevin Elwood** both thanked supporters and those who

encouraged them to run in the election.

"They know my passion for this township and it runs very deep," said Leishman.

Elwood specifically thanked outgoing councillor **Orville Brown** for his encouragement.

"I look forward to representing the residents and addressing their concerns while keeping the interests of the community, and the township as a whole, at heart," said Elwood.

Most council members took the opportunity Monday evening to thank their spouses and family members for their support.

## Storefront window decorating contest

Creemore's secret Santa is offering cash prizes for the best dressed shop windows in the downtown core.

A \$100 prize will go to the business with the best Christmas decorations. A \$50 prize will be given for second

place and \$25 for third place.

All windows must be ready for judging by Dec. 15.

The winners will be announced in the Dec. 19 edition of *The Creemore Echo*.

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**CREEMORE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
*Thursday, December 25*  
*Please join us this year at*  
*Creemore Legion Hall, 27 Wellington St. W.*  
**The Christmas Dinner has moved to a new venue**  
**because we need a bigger hall!**

Enjoy a social hour, serenaded by the Wipper family and vocalist Ken Robertson, at 4:30 pm before sitting down to a traditional holiday meal at 6 pm with family, friends and neighbours in the warmth of a festively decorated, fully-accessible hall.

All are welcome regardless of age or personal circumstances but pre-registration is needed before December 23 to reserve a place setting. As always a few spaces will be set for those who are not able to plan ahead. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable item for the Salvation Army Food Bank, Hope Acres, Glencairn.

\* Please know that volunteers will be pleased to deliver the meal to any who may be shut-in due to illness and to assist those without transportation in Avonmore and Creemore.

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## EDITORIAL

### A second thought on Clearview council tradition

Clearview Township council broke from tradition this week.

For the first time in eight years someone other than Shawn Davidson moved the motion to adjourn.

At the Nov. 24 council meeting, the last time the former council met, Davidson moved the motion to adjourn for mayor Ken Ferguson.

Davidson said during Ferguson's two terms as mayor – unless Davidson was not at the meeting – he would move the motion.

It was something that started at the beginning of that term and developed organically into a tradition.

It could be viewed as quiet display of solidarity. At that final council meeting, Davidson ceremoniously moved the motion one last time for Ferguson. There was no mention of the tradition, just an emphasis given to the act.

Davidson said he was honoured to move that last motion to adjourn, after departing council members had said their final farewells.

Council-watchers know all about this lighthearted ritual so they were surprised when come the first meeting of this term of council, Davidson did not move the motion to adjourn.

That duty was fulfilled by new Deputy Mayor Barry Burton.

Davidson said before the meeting, council members were figuring out how the meeting would go. He suggested it be predetermined who would move and second the motion to adjourn, as no other official business was planned for the inaugural meeting.

Burton said he would move the motion.

As the story goes, people asked if Davidson would prefer to do it but he passed.

He said it's no big deal. He's right. It's not a big deal but it is a shift from the norm these past few years.

With a lot of talk about being a team, Clearview council missed an obvious team-building exercise.

In their speeches, most members talked about teamwork, a one-for-all approach.

Some also managed to put the I in team by stating an intended direction, as if to say, I may be part of this team but I am going in a certain direction with or without the rest of you.

The mayor and deputy mayor are going in a new direction in the name of change. That message says to the incumbents that, in their view, no one liked the direction they were going in anyway.

Others, particularly Robert Walker, subtly reiterated he would be staying the course.

It is not unusual for a new council to struggle to find cohesion, some never do. Unfortunately, sometimes those councils are ineffective.

Let's see how this council develops.

## THE WAY WE WERE



Obi and Judah Page visit St. Luke's Anglican Church's nativity scene in 2006. The nativity scene is once again on display in front of the Caroline St. W church.

## Smokeless doesn't mean harmless

by Dr. Lisa Simon

When it comes to tobacco, smokeless doesn't mean harmless. That's the message of Know What's In Your Mouth (knowwhatsinyourmouth.ca), a youth-developed campaign highlighting the dangers of using smokeless tobacco. Going by names like "chew", "spit", "dip", and "snuff", most types are held in the mouth for prolonged periods of time. Since the juices that form aren't meant to be swallowed, the user must spit frequently as saliva collects.

For parents, coaches, and educators, it can be a surprise to learn that smokeless tobacco use is a growing trend among youth. According to the most recent data (2011-2013) from the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey, approximately 1 in 10 youth in Simcoe Muskoka use chewing tobacco.

There are several reasons youth are choosing to use chew tobacco. Products are available in flavours that appeal to young consumers, like cherry, grape and vanilla. The packaging can be very similar to candy, gum, makeup and highlighters, which are intentional strategies by the tobacco industry to make it harder for youth to recognize these as dangerous tobacco products. It is also a tobacco company strategy, following the ban of smoking in public places, to promote and sell smokeless products that can be used in these settings.

There is also a mistaken belief that chew tobacco is less harmful than smoking cigarettes. The truth is that even though it is not inhaled it directly into the lungs, it is held in the mouth, which can cause mouth, throat, and stomach cancers in as little as five years of use. Another myth is that chewing tobacco will enhance athletic performance. However, chewing tobacco can actually result in increased blood pressure and is counterproductive to better sports performance.

Clues that indicate chew tobacco is being used are: a visible lump along the lower jaw where the plug or dip is held against the gum, bad breath, yellowed teeth, or carrying a receptacle like a pop can for spitting.

A campaign toolkit is available and has been shared with coaches and educators as well as community leaders and youth, offering easy and fun ways for youth to take ownership of the message and make it their own.

For more information about chew tobacco visit knowwhatsinyourmouth.ca, and for information about other tobacco programs offered by the health unit, call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, connect with us on Facebook or Twitter, or visit simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Dr. Lisa Simon is a Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit associate medical officer of health.

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# Creemore area men killed in the Great War

November has come and gone and with it, Remembrance Day.

Remembering our war dead should not be confined to one day a year so take a moment to think of them from time to time. Following the stories of most of the local men who lost their lives in World War I in the Nov. 14 edition of *The Creemore Echo*, here are accounts of several more men.

In November, very little was known of Kenneth Loudon other than he was buried in Creemore cemetery. But now I have more information.

His parents were William Loudon and Sara Ann Middlebrook.

His birthdate was Aug. 8, 1893 and he lived on the Nottawasaga side of the Nottawasaga-Sunnidale Townline, south of County Road 9. Pte. Loudon died of tuberculosis in the sanatorium in London, Ont.

John James McKay, born Aug. 31, 1890, died April 9, 1917.

According to the 1901 census he was living with his family on George Street in Creemore.

His father was John Alexander McKay and his mother was Elizabeth Dunsmore.

He had two brothers and three sisters. His father was the section foreman on the railway.

From other records, the family seems to have moved around quite a bit. Pte. McKay was in the Central Ontario Regiment of the Canadian Infantry, 15th Battalion.

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen  
BLACKBURN

His death certificate indicates that he died in France while doing duty as communication file between the advanced posts after the attack won Vimy Ridge.

Percy Gill, in my earlier research, was very elusive but thanks to several people

we now have interesting information.

Pte. Gill was in the Western Ontario Regiment of the Canadian Infantry, 1st Battalion, although earlier he was in the 125th. Born Aug. 21, 1888 on the Isle of Wight, England he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Gill. The 1911 census of Nottawasaga finds Percy working as a labourer, a hired hand for Thomas Porter.

This farm was at Banda on the Nottawasaga-Mulmur Townline.

Interestingly, two farms away, was James Gill who, as records indicate, was not a brother. Pte. Gill, who enlisted in Brantford, Ont., was killed April 9, 1917 in France.

Pte. George Butler, a Negro, who was born in Lucan, Ont., on April 2, 1897, somehow found his way to this area and was the adopted son of Duncan and Helen McGregor, who lived on a farm south of Duntroon.

When he enlisted in Collingwood in January 1917 he was working on John Duggan's farm, north of Creemore.

He was in the Canadian Infantry, Central Ontario Regiment, 4th Battalion and was killed in France on Feb. 14, 1918.

His death certificate states he died



Percy Gill

of shrapnel wounds at No. 6 Casualty Clearing Station.

Unlike Percy Gill, John James McKay and George Butler, Alexander MacKay had deep roots in this area. Although records often spell his name as MacKay, the family in this area spelled it as Mackay.

Alexander Mackay was born in Creemore on Aug. 3, 1869 to Josh Mackay and Eliza McArthur, who came from a line of pioneer farmers. His father had an interesting career

in Creemore.

According to census reports, in 1871 he was a merchant, in 1881 an accountant, in 1891 a real estate agent and in 1901 he was an undertaker.

By 1891, Alexander was a medical student in Toronto.

He married some time in the 1890s to Minnie Dick of Maple Valley. He served in the war as a physician and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In Toronto, he was chief medical officer for Toronto schools, chairman of the Toronto School Board and an inspector of provincial hospitals.

He died in Toronto in February 1923, the cause given as the flu and cystitis. He is buried in Creemore cemetery.

My thanks go out to **Carolyn Wilson** of Collingwood, **Howard and Garry Milne** of Duntroon, **Paul Woolner** of Ottawa, **Donald McArthur** of Wasaga Beach, **Catherine McArthur Harper** and **Earl Bonner** of Mississauga, **John Thomson** of Mulmur, **Mary Thomson Redekop** of London and locally to **John Boake**, **June Reed**, **Maurice McArthur**, **John Montgomery**, **Glenda** and **Rita** at the library, *The Creemore Echo* staff and the late Sylvia Gale who in her writing mentioned the Loudens.

Most especially, thanks to **David Bruce Johnson**, whose encouragement sent me off on this interesting project.

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

*Sunday, December 7*



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(see details on page 2)

### Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Sunday, December 7:  
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Speaker: Sean Angel  
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## Small Halls Festival memo of understanding in the works

A memorandum of understanding is in the works for next year's Small Halls Festival to alleviate some of the growing pains of the inaugural event.

Clearview Township community culture and recreation coordinator **Shane Sargent** said the festival held Oct. 2-5, included more than 50 events at nine venues across the township with the help of about 250 volunteers who put in 2,000 "people power hours".

He said hall volunteers really got on board and came forward with many ideas for events that weekend.

"It was hard to say no and so we just let them do their thing," said Sargent.

The festival aimed to renew interest in Clearview's newly renovated community managed halls and Sargent said that goal was achieved.

He said there were mistakes made because some people working on the festival were new to Clearview.

"There were growing pain," said Sargent, adding he is working on the memorandum of understanding and a communications plan for next year's event.

He said there was some "post event syndrome" but in the end, all hall boards agreed to be involved again next year.

Sargent said not all the numbers are in yet but in the end he expects the festival would have had \$142,700 in revenue and \$142,000 was spent on the event.

## Old Creemore reservoir decommissioned

An abandoned water reservoir near Creemore has been taken care of.

The original water system for Creemore consisted of a spring fed reservoir south of the village. This system was abandoned 1992-1993 but it was not decommissioned, reported general manager of environmental services **Mike Rawn** on Nov. 24. Per council's direction, the system has been decommissioned. In order to facilitate reservoir demolition, the spring feed was shut down. Township water department staff capped the pipe at the springs, and also at each location where the pipe crossed municipal road allowances. The reservoir was demolished in accordance with Niagara Escarpment Commission and Clearview building department permits.

The project came in at less than the budgeted value of \$100,000. The tender was awarded to the lowest bidder, Nic and Andy's Pipe Service, in the amount of \$33,529.36.

## Clearview Township sees another reduction in transfer payment grant

Clearview Township has been informed that it will receive \$1 million in provincial grant money, considerably less than in previous years.

The money is paid to municipalities in the province annually through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), the province's main transfer payment to municipalities.

In 2012, the government announced the review of the OMPF and the phase-down of the program to \$500 million by 2016.

In 2015, Clearview is promised \$1,006,500, down from \$1,189,500 in 2014 and \$1,384,700 in 2013. Clearview's allocation culminated with a \$1,521,600 OMPF pay out in 2012.

Clearview Township would have to impose a tax increase of 1.54 per cent to make up for the shortfall to maintain service levels, reported treasurer **Edward Henley** on Nov. 24. Considering the funding reduction since 2013, that translates to a 4.3 per cent tax increase.

The reduction in OMPF grants was a result of a 2008 agreement to upload social assistance benefit programs and court security and prisoner transportation costs.

Municipal officials say the uploads benefit the county, which delivers those services, while the reductions seriously impact the lower tier municipalities.

With the uploads totaling \$5,600, Clearview Township will receive a total of \$1,012,100.

In 2015, according to the provincial minister of finance, the province will provide a total of \$515 million in unconditional funding to 388 municipalities through the OMPF. Combined with the municipal benefit resulting from the provincial uploads, the funds will total over \$2.2 billion in 2015.



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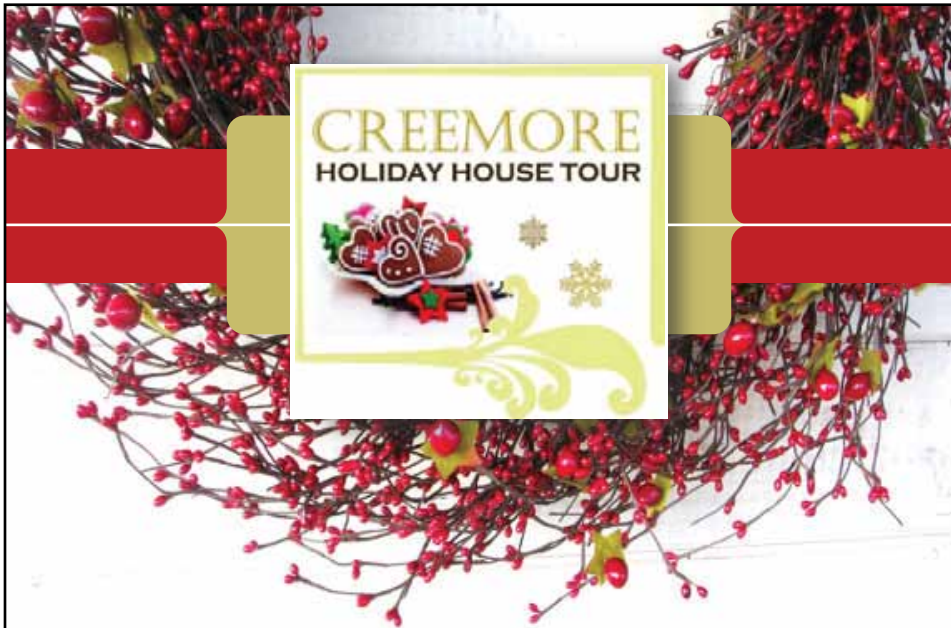
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# Mulmur council has high hopes for coming term

by Trina Berlo

It was all smiles as Mulmur Township council members were sworn in Wednesday morning.

Council member **Earl Hawkins** returned to his seat along with Mayor **Paul Mills** and Deputy Mayor **Heather Hayes**, both acclaimed. New to the table are **Keith Lowry** and **Janet Horner**.

Members took the oath and signed official documents after being piped into the council chambers at town hall in Terra Nova by township treasurer **Heather Boston**.

Elected officials expressed enthusiasm and hope for the coming four-year term.

“We’re going to have some real challenges in the next four years but the main thing is that we move Mulmur forward,” said Mills.

Hayes said she is looking forward to working with a great group of councillors.

“I’m looking forward to building Mulmur up,” she said adding, she looks forward to doing business “without tears and without curling up in the fetal position”.

She agreed there would be challenges but it will be challenges with issues and not challenges with personalities.

Lowry said he is looking forward to working as a team over the next four years, advocating for responsible growth in and for Mulmur.

“I may not always agree but I will always listen and work to find the best resolution available,” he said.

“We are going to do what’s right for all the people in Mulmur and not just some,” said Horner.

Hawkins welcomed new council members and complimented township staff.

“We won’t always agree certainly not, and we shouldn’t. That’s a yes man’s council. So speak up and at the end of the meeting; go away happy. Don’t go away angry,” he said.

“I am looking forward to the next four years... I think they’re going to be good,” said Hawkins, hesitantly choosing his words. “I didn’t offend anybody.”

Several councillors’ comments alluded to the particularly dysfunctional term of council resulting in police charges and legal battles.

Mills told the gallery of onlookers, “This is your council for 2014-1018, any input or suggestions, bring it on.”

Council members also thanked family members for their support and thanked voters for their trust.

Former Mulmur Township councillor, deputy reeve, Dufferin County councillor and warden **John**



Staff photos: Trina Berlo

Mulmur council members were paraded into council chambers at town hall in Terra Nova Wednesday morning by treasurer **Heather Boston**. Below, Mulmur council 2014-1018: **Keith Lowry** (from left), Mayor **Paul Mills**, Deputy Mayor **Heather Hayes**, **Earl Hawkins** and **Janet Horner**.



**Franklin** took the opportunity, when the mayor invited members of the public to speak, to say council cannot be a collective of nostalgia.

“We cannot live in the past and the present is so

brief and transitory. We are only left with the future,” said Franklin.

He said thoughtful negotiation and compromise are needed to satisfy the needs of the community.



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# A touch of Majengo coming to Dunedin

by Trina Berlo

The annual holiday party to benefit Majengo Children's Home in Africa will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The biannual fundraiser is organized by **Lynn Connell** and held at her Dunedin art retreat.

Majengo is an orphanage in Tanzania. It is locally run and supported by a network of donors.

Connell was teaching painting in Africa in 2007 when she was taken to visit a makeshift daycare and saw 52 starving children huddled together on a mud floor. With cofounder **Charles Luoga**, an HIV/AIDS project coordinator, she made a commitment to help those children.

Connell spread the word throughout the Creemore community and \$23,000 was raised, enough to see the orphanage's door open the following year.

Connell said many people in the Creemore area have supported the children's home since it was founded in 2007.

"It's been going for seven years and it's pretty magical. It just keeps going," said Connell.

The organization cares for 165 kids, 84 of whom are residents at a new home constructed on 10 acres of land donated by the local government.

The others benefit from programs that provide basic needs.



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Children at the Majengo Children's Home, an orphanage in Tanzania, Africa co-founded by Dunedin resident **Lynn Connell**, plant grass as part of a project to improve air quality.

The children are cared for by a staff of 20 local people and the organization is managed by an NGO set up in Tanzania.

"It's all local. Our whole thing is to support them in their own culture and not to go over there and tell them what to do," said Connell.

She said the event is to raise money for basic needs of the children such as education, medical, clothing, sports, accommodation and staffing.

Toronto chef **Lyndon Wiebe** will

be preparing an African inspired meal.

His sister is in Tanzania and, just over one year ago, Wiebe spent two weeks at the orphanage, where he collected recipes.

**Simone Lee-Hamilton**, who has been teaching at the school attended by the orphans, will be at the event, sharing stories.

There will also be live music by guitarist **Cody McMillan**.

The event takes place at Lynn's

Creativity Art Retreat inn Dunedin, located at 8961 County Road 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is no set fee for admission.

Donations are encouraged. All donations are tax deductible.

Everyone is welcome.

Anyone not able to attend the event but would like to support the project is welcome to donate online at [www.majengo.org](http://www.majengo.org) or send a cheque payable to Majengo Canada to 284 Major Street, Toronto, M5S 2L6.

## Creemore Community Christmas Dinner

The annual Creemore Community Christmas Dinner, now in its 13th year, is free and open to everyone.

Dinner will be served at the Creemore Legion.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to reserve a seat by Dec. 23.

Admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item for the food bank.


People are welcome to donate their unused turkey bucks at the checkout

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For more information, to volunteer, donate and to reserve a spot at the dinner, contact the McKays at [dmckay.9lives@gmail.com](mailto:dmckay.9lives@gmail.com) or 705-466-3126.

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## Echo Briefs

### Echo's annual food and toy drive under way

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The Echo is now collecting non-perishable food items, unwrapped toys for all age groups, cash and grocery store gift cards to be distributed locally.

Bring all donations to the office, located at 3 Caroline St. W., during regular business hours.

The Echo has been collecting items for those in need since the newspaper began publishing in 2001.

The Echo works with local organizations to distribute the items.

### NCPS hosts Breakfast with Santa Dec. 6

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is holding its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9

a.m. until noon.

The event includes a shopping room for the children, treasure tray raffles, craft room, silent auction and a visit from Frosty the Snowman and Santa.

The school is accepting donations of gently used items for the shopping room and items for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at the school until Dec. 5.

### NCPS takes up Forest Hill's food drive challenge, until Dec. 18

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is holding a food drive during the month of December.

The school has taken up Forest Hill Public School's eighth annual challenge to see which Simcoe County District School Board school will collect the most items per capita.

The food will be distributed through the food bank.

Schools are collecting as many items as possible until 3 p.m. on Dec. 18.

## Big Heart Seniors Christmas dinner on Dec. 18

John Barber was introduced to our gathering. Welcome John.

President Ray Leighton thanked Wilma Zeggil and Gayle Gordon for more candy donations.

Our Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 18 at noon sharp, this is different than previous years and the change was due to many not wishing to travel after dark, particularly if the weather is inclement, when our dinners were at 4 p.m.

This dinner is free, providing memberships are paid prior to Dec. 18.

We had nine full tables for cards and lucky draw winners were Karl Seifert, John Van Voorst, Kevin Keogh x2, Lloyd Somerville and Marg Hope.

There were nine moon shots played

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by John Van Voorst, Ruth Lougheed x2, Roy Veinot x2, June Hartley x2, Barb Pilon and Dave Smith.

One being dealt a perfect lay down moon shot (eight cards and every one an ace).

Winners for cards were Wilma Zeggil, 285; Eileen

Nash, 264; June Hartley, 261; Phyllis Seed, 260; and low prize to Karl Seifert, 70.

As we come ever closer to this festive season we continue to hope for peace in many countries and realize that this is not about to happen, but we can only pray that our Canadian peacekeepers are safe whichever country they may be in, either home or abroad.

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## Infinity gymnasts make good showing at provincial qualifier

Infinity Gymnastics Centre in Utopia was in fine form over the weekend. Orangeville played host to a provincial qualifying meet for women's artistic gymnastics and the area's newest gymnastics club delivered.

The meet had over 250 athletes from all across the province competing in a range of levels and ages.

The girls were all smiles after the meet and for good cause.

Some notable performances (from top centre, left to right) **Hailey Kohler** 3rd on vault, 3rd all around, **Hannah Carpentier** 6th bars, 8th all around, **Savanna Inman** 1st on vault, 2nd all around, **Kayla Lolli** 4th on beam, 6th on floor, **Sadie Finkelstein** 3rd on bars, 3rd all around, **Teaghen Couling** 1st on vault, 2nd on floor, **Emily Wickett** 1st on vault, 1st on bars, **Samantha Carrier** 4th on floor, 5th all around, **Karli Stevenson** 2nd on vault, 2nd all around.

"It's their first competition under Infinity Gymnastics and they performed very well, for some this is their first provincial competition ever, we're really happy with the outcome," said head coach **Michelle Pothier**.

The team will go on to compete in Muskoka and Alliston later in the season with hopes that their scores qualify them to provincial championships in the spring.



## Siskins go from three-game shutout to 10 goals against

by Alex Hargrave

Upsets were the name of the game last week in the Georgian Bay Mid Ontario Junior C Hockey League. The top three teams in the league lost to lower ranking clubs, which is psychologically uplifting to the weaker clubs as anyone could win this thing.

Penetang Kings, 14-8-1-1, continued their dismal play losing at home to the Stayner Siskins, 7-5, Friday night, and although that doesn't count as an upset the 4-2 loss to Fergus Sunday does. The loss is their seventh in the past eight games. Fergus is a .500 hockey team.

Alliston Hornets' 6-4 loss to Orillia Sunday was definitely an upset. The loss is only Alliston's third this season. Meanwhile, Orillia has been on the losing side 13 times and on 10 occasions victorious.

The Siskins suffered a defeat the night before in front of a home crowd when Huntsville Otters knocked them off with a 5-4 overtime victory.

The Huntsville loss could be expected considering the Otters are in fourth place with an above .500 winning record at 13-10-0.

Alliston leads the league with a 19-3-1 record

followed by Stayner, 15-5-2-1, who finally slipped by Penetang for second spot overall.

Said Siskins general manager **Richard Gauthier** still fuming days after the loss, "You know we talked about no goals in three games then we get 10 against in two.

After three consecutive shutouts, Siskins netminder **Trevor Bloch**'s lucky stick went missing against Huntsville following a first period, which Stayner held a 1-0 lead on a goal by **Cooper Martin**, his ninth of the year. In the second period, Stayner's team play went flat, Bloch's shutout evaporated when Huntsville tallied two times.

In the third period, the score went back and forth ending at 4-4.

Scoring Stayner goals were **Ricky Darrell** with two and **Ben Lougheed**.

Siskins sniper **Sean Healy**, who Gauthier called more of a "dart hacker", hit the goalie on a penalty shot in the overtime period.

Gauthier was upset that Healy didn't score, missing the opportunity to win the game.

Huntsville out-gunned Stayner in the shootout 1-0

to take the two points.

All the same, Stayner did earn one point for the overtime loss.

"Huntsville is a better hockey club (than earlier in the season)," he added. "Their goalie kept them in the game and made some big saves. Ours was average again."

Head coach **Steve Walker** elected to put **Xavier Portelance** in between the pipes in the Penetang game after Bloch's sizzling streak cooled.

After not seeing much ice time in the past several weeks, Portelance skills were icy in the early going.

Penetang led 4-1 early in the second period when the Siskins awoke and stormed back with two even strength goals, two power play markers and one shorthanded tally to give Stayner a 6-3 lead.

Penetang added another goal and **Trevor Franklin** hit the empty net to close the game out.

"It showed character coming back after being down 4-1," Gauthier managed to express.

Stayner was away last Wednesday night playing the last place Midland Flyers and were home to Orillia Thursday night.



# A small gift can make a big difference.

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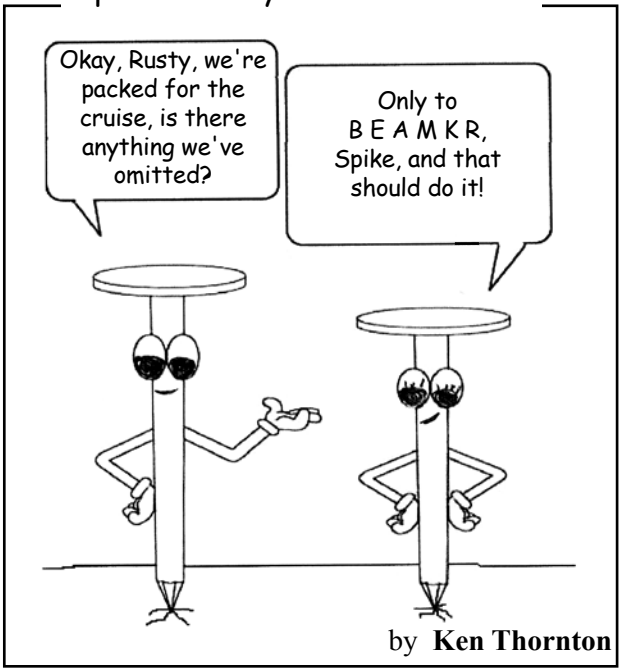
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



by Ken Thornton

Find this week's answer in Classifieds

## Weekend Weather

### Friday, December 5

A mix of sun and cloud  
High 1 Low -4 Winds SE 15 km/h  
POP 30%

### Saturday, December 6

Cloudy with sunny breaks  
High 2 Low -5 Winds N 15 km/h  
POP 30%

### Sunday, December 7

Sunny  
High -1 Low -7 Winds E 10 km/h  
POP 0%

## The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

## FRED'S FUNNIES

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"  
"Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the defendant.  
"That's no offence," said the judge.  
"How early were you doing this shopping?"  
"Before the store opened," countered the prisoner.

## Canadian Criss Cross

December 5, 2014

### ACROSS

- 1. Resistant to pressure
- 5. Surgical instrument
- 10. Digestive juice
- 14. On the safe side, at sea
- 15. After a while
- 16. Miscellany
- 17. Afternoon activities
- 18. Go too far onstage
- 19. It's over your head
- 20. Deny connection with
- 22. Whom a lawyer represents
- 24. Be paid
- 25. Bottom of the boat
- 26. Attack like a bee
- 29. Slightly sour
- 34. Go off the subject
- 36. Have bills to pay
- 37. Choir voice
- 38. Do film work
- 39. Publish a second edition
- 42. Demand payment
- 43. Scottish turnip
- 45. Domino dot
- 46. Bar
- 48. Like some gowns
- 51. Canadian spelling bee champion
- 52. Marsh plant
- 53. Feeling of being hurt
- 55. Ankle-length garment
- 58. Terrifying
- 62. Fertilizer component
- 63. Enraged
- 65. Not the front or back
- 66. Curling place
- 67. Drawing room
- 68. Hot spot?
- 69. First, second or third

- 70. "Laughing" animal
- 71. Well-organized

### DOWN

- 1. Hired farm worker
- 2. Jai \_
- 3. Corded fabrics
- 4. Move down
- 5. Easily seen through
- 6. Thin plate
- 7. Level of children's sports in Canada
- 8. Encountered
- 9. Legal decision serving as an example
- 10. Largest ape
- 11. \_ vera
- 12. Animal with a cub
- 13. Artist's studio
- 21. Kind of beer
- 23. Monetary unit of Romania
- 25. Fuzzy fruit
- 26. White birds
- 27. Be silent, in music
- 28. \_ alia
- 30. Tactical military unit
- 31. Like days of yore
- 32. Driver's one-eighty
- 33. Homer who played for the BC Lions
- 35. Fill again
- 40. \_ Piper
- 41. Animal with a flexible snout
- 44. Share in
- 47. Deer meat
- 49. Little legume
- 50. Exactly right
- 54. Fight site

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Find the answer to this week's Crossword on the Classifieds page.

- 55. Hold in restraint
- 56. Cantata solo
- 57. Boggy places
- 58. Fit as a fiddle
- 59. Quitting time for many
- 60. Designer's need
- 61. Penny
- 64. Line of light

# Creemore water reservoir slated for improvements

The 2015 Clearview Township budget will have \$57,500 included to make improvements to the Creemore Water reservoir as per the recommendations given in the Landmark report.

The Collingwood Street reservoir was inspected by Burlington based Landmark Municipal Services in September.

The water department inspects all water reservoirs on a monthly basis. Once every three years the reservoirs are cleaned and a more thorough inspection takes place.

Due to concerns noted from inspections, a professional inspection was deemed necessary.

Landmark was hired to inspect, analyze, and report on the condition of the Creemore water reservoir.

Clearview general manager of Environmental Services **Mike Rawn** reported Nov. 24, the reservoir requires some investment to prolong its life.

A roof membrane will prevent spalling from freeze/thaw cycling.

The cracks in the wall need to be sealed to protect the reinforcing steel.

Without investment, the reservoir life span will be shortened and the potential for contaminates entering will increase.

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Spike & Rusty:  
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**THE CREEMORE ECHO CHRISTMAS AD DEADLINES**

Please note the deadline for  
December 12 paper is Tuesday, December 9 at 5 p.m.  
December 19 paper is Tuesday, December 16 at 5 p.m.  
December 24 paper is Friday, December 19 at 5 p.m.  
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**\*\*Creemore Echo office will be closed from  
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Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is hosting a **silent auction at the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6.** If you would like to donate any items to help support our school, please drop off your donation at either school site. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

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## THANK YOU

In memory of **George Dunn.** To everyone who has supported us following the death of George, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. We especially wish to thank Dr. Houston, First Responders and police for your act of kindness.

Heather Dunn and family

**2015 Poppy Fund Campaign: The Royal Canadian Legion, Creemore Branch 397,** would like to thank the local businesses of Creemore, Singhampton and Glen Huron for hosting poppy boxes during the recent campaign. The money raised will be used to provide care and comfort for veterans, for the awarding of student bursaries, for donations to various charities, and for the procurement of future Poppy Fund material. Thanks to all the individuals and businesses that donated to this worthwhile cause, and for making it another successful year.

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## IN MEMORIAMs

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Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us everyday.

Sadly missed by Marie, Jerry, Rob, Eric and families

**AWENDER, Patricia Doreen**  
May 28, 1935 – December 8, 2008  
In memory of my loving wife.

I once had someone very special

That money cannot buy.

I had a very special love

And had to say goodbye.

My memories and photos

And pictures in their frames

Are all I have to see and touch

Of a very special person

Whom I love and miss so much.

And when I'm feeling lonely

And tears fill my eyes

I think of you at peace

And I know I shouldn't cry.

So I hide my heartache

As you would want me to

And when I cry my tears alone

No one hears but you.

Love always Frank, Doug, Lorie, Carter, Cooper, Katja, Ken, Ann Marie, Madison, families and friends

## GOOD FOOD BOX

**The Good Food Box Program,** a volunteer run organization, helps families eat a healthier diet with fresh fruit and vegetables. Order and by Wednesday, December 10 by phoning St. Luke's Anglican Church and leave a message 705-466-2206. Pick up & pay on Wednesday, December 17. \$10/small or \$15/large.

## PLANNING AN EVENT?

**The Creemore branch of the Royal Canadian Legion** is available for rent. The hall will hold up to 400 people, bar can be arranged. Lounge will hold up to 150 people, bar can be arranged. Quiet Room will hold up to 30 people. Call 705-466-2330 to book. Catering is available for any event.

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**Demetrick, Lu-Anne Marie (Smyth)**

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 30, 2014 at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood at age 75 following a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Gord, loving mother of Dawn, and Jackie, mother-in-law to John and Manfred. Cherished grandmother of Gordon, Jacqueline, Stephanie and Samantha. Lu-Anne will be missed by her brother Bill Smyth, sister-in-law Marilyn, sister-in-law Audrey Braun, brother-in-law Al Demetrick and sister-in-law Barbara. Lu-Anne is predeceased by her sister Lynne Braun, and her brother-in-law Al. Lu-Anne was an accomplished painter, photographer, pianist, golfer and skier. Her greatest gifts were her kind and generous heart and her adventurous spirit. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. The funeral will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 1 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church at 200 Maple St, Collingwood. Following the funeral service, a Celebration of Life will be held at the OslerBrook Golf and Country Club at 2634 Concession 10 North Nottawasaga Rd, Collingwood on Saturday, December 6 at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Campbell House or the Cancer Society in Lu-Anne's memory. Friends may visit Lu-Anne's online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com).



**HARVEY, Hazel Lettia**

Died peacefully on Monday, December 1, 2014 at the Stayner Nursing home in her 97<sup>th</sup> year. Hazel, beloved wife of the late Keith Harvey (2004). Loving mother of Glenn and his wife Barbara. Cherished grandmother of Steven (Pauline) and Cynthia (Rodney Millward). Dear great grandmother of Alexander, Lucas and Avery. Dear sister of Audrey Cramp, the late Ruby Potts and the late Florence Emerton. Friends were received at the **Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel**, 7313 Highway 26, Stayner on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Ebenezer Cemetery. A reception followed at Sunnidale Corners Hall. If desired, remembrances to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by Hazel's family. To sign the Book of Memories, log on to [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com)



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**HANGIN' OUT** Memphis Palmer Gummer (left) and William Van Severen enjoy a treat while lounging in front of the Mad and Noisy Gallery last Friday during the Moonlight Shop event.



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## Hospital changes parking fees, first 30 minutes free

Parking at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital is now free for the first 30 minutes.

The change, effective Dec. 1, is in response to community feedback, said hospital officials.

Replacing a set rate of \$7 per day, the hospital is moving to an hourly rate of \$3 to a maximum daily rate of \$10, good for 24 hours and includes in and out privileges.

For frequent visitors, weekly passes will be available for \$35 and monthly passes for \$60.

When the new system is in place, parking tokens will no longer be in circulation or available. The new system provides patients and visitors with a time stamped ticket as they enter the parking lot. When leaving the hospital there will be payment

terminals at the front of the hospital and one in the corner of the parking lot. Patients and visitors must enter their ticket into the machine and pay for the allotted time used, and insert this paid ticket at the gate to exit the lot.

Additional changes include the addition of five new parking spots with a 10-minute time limit for dropping off and picking up passengers, to address concerns over vehicles blocking the fire route.

The hospital has also expanded the number of accessible parking spaces within the front lot and has changed the main parking lot entrance location from Moberly Street to the laneway off of Hume Street.

The Ministry of Health does not provide funds for any costs associated with parking.

## Paramedics collect toys at parade Saturday

Paramedics will be collecting toys for its annual toy drive at the Santa Claus Parade in Creemore on Saturday, Dec. 6.

County of Simcoe Paramedic Services' 12th annual toy drive is now under way.

The toy drive benefits local children and families during the holiday season. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at various locations and

parades across the county until Dec. 19.

The 2013 toy drive was extremely successful, collecting 8,966 toys, \$13,389.70 in monetary donations, and 2,334 pounds of food for families across Simcoe County.

All donations are distributed to local children and families in need by charitable organizations working in partnership with Simcoe County Paramedic Services.

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